

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18 and ending on page 2, line 28 as follows:

According to the present invention, a solution to the technical problem posed is such that the data memory contains at least one counter element, ~~at least one indicator element~~ and at least one threshold value, which counter element, on the one hand, counts at least one number of event occurrences within said device, and, on the other hand, is likely to reach said threshold value which is indicative of a large maximum number of occurrences of said events, wherein the data memory comprises at least two indicator elements residing at non-contiguous locations within the data memory, said indicator elements being associated with said counter element and said indicator element being designed to go from a first state to a second state when said counter element has reached said threshold value.